

World Affairs

Along the borders of Ethiopia Great Britain has massed over 130,000 colonial troops in preparation for a mop-up of all Italian military forces in the realm of the Lion of Judah.

Haile Selassie has already set the stage for operations, to commence immediately after the rainy season ends. Rain in Ethiopia is largely confined to the winter months here, and it is very copious, the heavens open up and it rains as only an African rain can fall for several months.

Surprise was created that the English should think so great a number of men necessary to dislodge the remaining Italians from Ethiopia. These Italians have no love for Ethiopia, land of sudden death to careless Italians — and are reported to be looking around for a way out. But they are trapped for the Suez canal is no longer open to

Italian shipping.

Greeks Still on Top

The Terrible Greeks whom Mussolini stirred up continued their victorious march last week. Several Italian staff officers were among the thousands of prisoners. The Italians have almost retreated until they will be with their backs to the sea. There seems no escape for the Fascists from one of the most crushing defeats any nation has suffered in modern times.

Hitler Says England Is Doomed

The madman of Berlin read Roosevelt's latest speech and took time out to say it did not matter now what we did for England for that nation was doomed to destruction. However, the English seem to have other ideas and are audaciously laying plans for an invasion of Hitler's territory in the future. Already small-scale raids on occupied France have been carried out. The English have stood up under bombings that were expected to bring quick surrender, and there is no weapon Hitler can use but a real invasion. Even at the fall of France when Hitler was flushed with victory his corps officers advised against an immediate invasion as an undertaking likely to cost two hundred thousand German lives. Today, months later, the English have made preparations and say that an invasion try now would be suicide. Anyway, Hitler has not tried it since a small expedition was blasted out of the water near Calais before it even started.

The war has settled down to a starving match. England has a much better chance of winning that kind of a war, for she has practically all the world outside what Hitler has conquered to draw upon, while the Germans are penned up by the British navy. Hitler realizes this and is counting on one supreme try or victory in the near future. when it comes the whole world is going to have to hold on to its seats.

Japs Turning to Germany

Last week the Nipponese went even more pro-Nazi. The Geisha girls put on a special anti-English entertainment in Tokyo and even sang a Japanese version of the German "Horst Wessel" song, an expression of Jap-Nazi friendship which must have made Hitler go outside for a good laugh. It was tops in unconscious humor for the week.

British Plan To Segregate In Air Shelters

LONDON (NNS) — The actual status of the Negro under British domination, despite England's lip service to "Democracy and the Freedom of All People" in her present dire hour of need, was sharply brought out in a report on air raid shelters in London just released.

Viscount Cranley, 27 year old heir of the Earl of Onslow, who has made a tour of thirty of London's public air raid shelters, in reporting his findings to the London Sunday Times came out flatly for segregation, stating: "Division of white and colored shelters should be of mutual benefit."

Flu, Scarlet Fever Ramp Over State

In some sections of the county scarlet fever has become sufficiently prevalent to make advisable the closing of the public schools. Spanish Influenza has reached epidemic proportions in adjoining counties but in McDowell, so far it has not grown to a menace.

OFFICERS, DIRECTORS OF NORTHFORK BANK REELECTED

At a meeting of stockholders of the First Clark National Bank in Northfork Tuesday four officers and 13 directors of the bank were reelected to serve in 1941.

Of the stockholders in the bank, 750 shares were represented out of the 1000. F. C. Cook chairmaned the meeting at which officers reported that resources earnings and deposits stood at the 1939 level.

Total deposits were reported at approximately \$1,350,000, while resources were reported by officers to be about \$1,500,000. Eighty per cent of the resources were in either cash or government securities.

The reelected officers were: E. W. Cook, president; E. H. Evans, vice president; C. B. Houston, II, vice president; and E. B. Evans, cashier.

Reelected to board of directors were: W. J. Beury, S. G. Wygal, J. H. Newton, C. C. Austin, A. Catzen, E. W. Cook F. C. Cook, E. H. Evans, C. B. Houston, II; J. J. Huddleston, Thos. Miller I. S. Renn and W. G., Wilimason.

Rep. Gavagan Introduces Sixth Anti-Lynch Bill

REP. GAVAGAN INTRODUCES ANTI-LYNCH BILL IN HOUSE ON 1st DAY

NEW YORK. — Representative Joseph Gavagan, of New York, introduced one of the six federal anti-lynching bills in the House of Representatives on January 3, the opening day of the 77th Congress, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People reported today.

The Gavagan bill, which is sponsored by the NAACP, provides that the United States Department of Justice "shall cause an investigation to be

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Denied Equal Show; NAACP Takes Case

NAACP Takes Up Calloway Case After Draft Board Denies Army Jim Crow Appeal

The local branch of the NAACP announced today that it will take action in the case of Ernest Calloway, whose request for exemption from military service because "The United States Army denies me or any other Negro the right and opportunity to make an equal contribution to the welfare and defense of my country," was denied in a draft board ruling in Chicago January 8.

Calloway, educational director of the United Transport Service Employees of America (Red Caps), had his case officially referred to the NAACP on January 9, according to Ira Williams, president of the branch, after the local draft board No. 81 had also ruled that the union official could not appeal his case to the state appeals board.

Admitting the truth of a statement made by Calloway January 1, in a letter to the board pointing out that "deep seated prejudices" existed against me and other Negroes in the US army and navy, board officials nevertheless ruled in a formal opinion handed down January 8 that:

"It is the opinion of the board that the social ill of which Mr. Calloway complains are true, but this board is without power to remedy the said ill and affords no forum for their discussion and redress ... therefore, the registrant is hereby placed in Class 1A."

Man Is Fatally Injured By Freight Train

A young man from Rolfe was fatally injured by an eastbound freight train at the Northfork station Saturday evening. He died in a Welch hospital later.

According to reports of witnesses, the victim who had just come out of a cafe, either tried to board the train or in some manner slipped beneath the wheels. One arm was cut off at the shoulder and he sustained a deep head wound.

made," whenever any state or government agency fails to protect victims of a lynch mob. The bill also provides for civil damages for relatives of a lynch victim, to the extent of not less than \$2000 or more than \$5000, the money to be paid by "the culpable governmental subdivision," charged with protecting the victim. Anti-lynching bills were introduced by Representatives Arthur W. Mitchell, (D. of Ill.); Joseph A. Gavagan, Dem. of New York; U. S. Guyer, Rep. of Kansas; Lee E. Geyer, Dem. of Calif; Bartlett Jonkman, a new Republican member from Michigan; and Louis Ludlow, Dem. of Indiana.

State College Prepares For Association

INSTITUTE, W. Va. — Pres. John W. Davis, West Virginia State College Institute, announces preparation has already begun for the 24th annual meeting of the American Teachers Association, Miss Mary L. Williams, Charleston, West Virginia President; and the National Congress of Colored PTA, to be held at Institute, July 29, 1941. Coinciding with the semi-centennial celebration of the founding of the college, the meeting gives promise of wide attendance. The West Virginia Colored Parent-Teacher Association, W. W. Sanders, Executive Secretary and Dr. Harrison H. Ferrell, Dean and Director of the summer session have cooperated with President Williams and President Davis in forming a state-wide committee for planning the entertaining of these organizations.

GM Asked To Hire Race

Ask Republic to Cooperate with General Motors Officials on Jim Crow Policy

NEW YORK. — William Knudsen, co-chairman with Sidney Hillman, of the President's recently organized four man National Defense Board, was urged by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to bring pressure to bear on the General Motors corporation which he formerly headed, to change the company's policy of "widespread discrimination" in the employment of Negroes in skilled and semi-skilled, supervisory and executive positions in its plants.

The request for action from Knudsen was contained in a letter sent to the OPM official January 8, and made public today, after the board had issued the following statement in a general announcement outlining its policies.

"We shall have need of the active, aggressive, and enthusiastic cooperation of every man, woman and child in the United States if we are to make this arsenal in America adequate to the successful defense of democracy and freedom."

Pointing out that reliable sources reveal that "discrimination against Negroes so far as

NEGROES PROMISED JOBS AT COLUMBUS PLANE PLANT

COLUMBUS, O. — Speaking for Mayor Green Maynard H. Hyland, secretary of the city board of purchases told a citizens mass meeting here last week that colored people will share in the 12,000 jobs opening up at the Curtiss Wright airplane plant at Port Columbus.

Last Rites Held For Gary Youth

Victim Of Automobile Accident

Funeral and burial rites were held Wednesday for Herbert Frances, 24, of Gary, who was killed Sunday morning when a car in which he was riding with several others plunged over a 90 foot embankment at Gary. Frances was killed instantly.

The funeral was held at Rock-hill Baptist church in Gary with Rev. Charles Page in charge. Burial followed in the Roderfield cemetery.

Young Frances was a graduate from Gary high school and West Virginia State college. He was employed by the U. S. Coal and Coke company. Frances was widely known and well-liked in the community.

Others Hurt

In the car with Frances were: Charley Swayne Jr., 23, of Elbert who suffered serious injuries and is a patient in Grace hospital; Pearl Martin, Nannie, Alley, Leola Valentine, and Theodore Conner, all of whom suffered minor injuries.

Conner was driving the car and is being held by the police. Frances is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Frances of Elbert and a host of other relatives and friends.

FEATURES IN THIS ISSUE

Two Entirely Different People

Again this week in the Times you will have the opportunity of reading Lemuel F. Parton's nationally known feature. Who's News This Week. In this column Parton writes up two entirely different people. One, a dangerous Nazi; the other a famous playwright who recently had his "Pay Joey" produced.

He Is Noted For Many Things

Friday, January 17, is the anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's birth. Wise old Franklin was noted for many things. His appreciation of, and expressions on, thrift ... his famous sayings ... his love of learning ... of wisdom. Franklin

Race Receives Slap From Graves' Report

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (NNS) — In reporting to the New York Times on southern reaction to President Roosevelt's radio speech to the nation John Temple Graves, 2nd., managed to both misrepresent the actual temper of the South, and insult the entire Negro population at the same time.

Stating that if U. S. entrance into the war became inevitable war spirit would develop most rapidly and extensively in the South, Graves went on to say: "This is due not only to the so-called southern temperament and the higher percentages of Anglo Saxon descent in the population, but also to the great-

BMI Boycott Clips Pay Of Negro Song-Writers

Gov. Holt Proclaims 50th Year of WVSC

President John W. Davis announces the official proclamation of the Hon. Homer A. Holt, Governor of the State of West Virginia, designating the period from March 17 until May 3, 1941, as time for observance of the Fiftieth Anniversary of West Virginia State college.

On Monday, January 13 the new Governor-elect, Hon. Matt hew Mansfield Neely, after elaborate inauguration ceremonies takes over the chief office of the commonwealth and thus becomes the honorary chairman

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KEYSTONE FIRST NAT'L BANK REELECTS OFFICERS, BOARD

Five officers and nine directors of the First National Bank of Keystone were reelected to serve another year at a meeting of stockholders Tuesday. At the meeting 735 out of 750 shares were represented.

A substantial increase in the resources earnings and deposits was reported to the stockholders and directors by the officers. The total deposits in 1940 were \$2,118,529.09, while resources totaled \$2,284,301.31.

Officers of the bank are: R. A. Bryant, president; Emanuel Pais, vice president; H. D. Vaughan, cashier; and D. A. Atkins, assistant cashier and C. A. Christie, assistant cashier.

Of the resources, officers reported to the stockholders and directors, 80 per cent was in cash and government securities.

The reelected directors were: A. P. Wood, George J. Turner, E. A. Bryant, Emanuel Pais, Lou M. Rish, O. A. Hypes, J. E. Painter, Charles Budnick and H. D. Vaughan.

was a rare person indeed. But you can partially emulate him in his desire for learning. A constant perusal of your Times with local and featured news will help do the trick.

ASCP - RADIO NETWORK FIGHT REMAINS TO BE WON; VICTORY SEEN

NEW YORK (NNS) — The war between the radio industry and the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, over the cost of using ASCP music, will end and the earnings of more than fifty Negro songwriters of the nation's most enduring and popular songs. Along Tin Pan Alley, it was learned, the conflict caused the dismissal of many Negroes, including arrangers and piano players. Handy Brothers and Clarence Williams, two of the leading Broadway publishing houses, with more than two thousand songs, were hardest hit.

In 1939, radio paid ASCP \$4,500,000, which was divided among the society's white and Negro composers according to the frequency with which their tunes were learned over the air. W. W. Handy, composer of "St. Louis Blues," drew the largest check from ASCP — \$25,000. But so far, for 1941, ASCP has signed only 170 stations of the 800-odd.

Unless the networks and ASCP get their heads together, Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, W. C. Handy, William Grant Still, Clarence Williams, Jimmy Lunceford, Cab Calloway, Andy Razaf, Ella Fitzgerald, Cy Oliver, Maceo Pinkard, Fats Waller, Count Basie, and hundreds of other Negro composers will receive no incomes for 1941. Songs barred from the airwaves include "Sophisticated Lady," "St. Louis Blues," "Tuxedo Junction," "In the Mood," "Stompin' at the Savoy," "Ain't Misbehavin'" and "Honey-suckle Rose."

10 Students Receive Pilot Certificates

West Virginia State college Civil Aeronautics Administration program with the granting of private pilot certificates before January 31 to ten students upon their completion of flight and ground school tests. These students are John Sylvester Belcher, Lloyd Scott Brown, Arthur Eugene Burns, George Elbert Gray, William McKinley Gray, Robert Thaddus Hairston, Herbert Sylvester Hayes, Everett A. Johnson, Jr., Benjamin Franklin Long and Reginald Payton Tolvert.

The sixth unit of ten student pilots will begin their ground and flight training February 1st.

NOTICE OF CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION FOR POSTMASTER IS ISSUED

The U. S. Civil Service Commission announces an examination for Postmaster in this city (Keystone.) The closing date for receipt of applications is January 28, 1941.